The BUZZ – of The Fremont Hornets V.1

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Somehow managing to wing it for now over 38 years...

Welcome

IN THIS ISSUE – You will find: (basically in the listed order, tho a stream of consciousness device)

A Short Take on Present BUZZ (Issue's Editorial, in case you need clarification) Reminder of upcoming Nest 03-13-15 Short schedule of upcoming near meets and events of possible interest to Hornets and their friends

HELLO! SEEMS A WINNER FINALLY CHOSEN Free Hornets First Caption Competition



A LOOK BACK FROM THE FRONT – "SURPRISE!" March 2015 Club meeting dissertation REITERATING – MAY 2015 Meeting has OUR NEXT CLUB CONTEST THEME "Spy Vs Spy" A FOUR WHEELED HORNET!! A True "Nifty Fifties" of a Model in Article by R J "Red" Williams "GRUPPE BUILD 2015: Any BFs by AF" advertisement to keep everyone aware and incentivized 11th of SEPTEMBER 2015 FREE HORNETS CLUB CONTEST SPECIAL REMINDER TOO!!

THE Latest BUZZ (as of Mar 20 2015 evening)

(a Short Take On Present Buzz) by Mick Burton, Buzz Editor (& Hornets Treasurer a Deux, Current Contest Director for 2014/15 season)

YES! Now #30 In case you are a new reader, the Issue number is off by one always, since #0 was outset of this lark. That clarified or muddied, let's get to some actual important business!

"To Build, or Not To Build? It's Become Less A Question, More Fait Accomplit"

Here on the 3 week eve of the first R-9 show of the 2015 season, the SV Classic, I thought I'd go tear into more thrash about getting our Judging chops tuned up. However, this seems more topical and present, while actually being quite in the rich vein of Judging philosophy and "the basics" while not obviously so.

Basics are this: Does a model club like ours and a larger community of social modellers per se, networked into Chapters large or not so much, do itself or its constituents any real good service, by *NOT ALLOWING* model building to occur during "formal meets"? I am of course, speaking to those frameworks which in fact allow the choice in the matter. Not all clubs or their pro-forma E-boards have this as even a question, or "conflict" to deal. For them, either due to size or situated meeting place or simply the general mood of their base membership (the three most common big reasons I have so far gathered in my admittedly casual research effort in some years) it simply is "no, not for us, we'll demonstrate techniques, share tips and encouragement, etc" in outside of meet parameters. But for clubs like the Free Hornets, the SJSVM Tomcats, some others I know of down in R-8, that always part of or become a norm in one manner or another, to have "building" (gasp) of models going on during the meeting! *Talk about "doing the deed" of making Model building FUN* and getting others to join in...DOH!

This is the seed of an upcoming larger "Website BUZZ" editorial, so chew on it as we continue to *BUILD ON*.

The Hornets Nest Night Friday April 10 @ Irvington Locale *PLANNED TO BE* Minimal Business, PLENTY MODEL TALK, *BUILDFEST*

Friday, April 10 2015 – Fremont Hornets meeting, Irvington Community Center, Fremont CA Saturday, April 11 2015 – SV Classic # 2, "Sun, Sand & Surf" at Napredak Hall, 770 Montague Expwy, San Jose CA Friday, May 8 2015 – Fremont Hornets meeting, "Spy Vs Spy "Club Contest, Irvington Community Center, Fremont CA

FINAL ANSWER on WINNER of the FREE HORNETS FIRST EVER "FUNNY FOTO CAPTION CONTEST"

As Chosen by an independent Judge

(one who had no entries in this event)(nor had info on who did which cap)

Many thanks to those who played

There were a total of EIGHT submissions



" I AM your Contest Director, and I SAY IT'S A WRAP!"

Free Hornet's MARCH Nest (a look back from The Front)



"From Rabies Surprises to Raffle Prizes"

Every form of obstacle somehow manages to make an appearance at the humble meeting home of the Free Hornets, over our 38 years.

As you see, NOTHING STOPS OUR FUN!

President Burton recalls that years back, another of our Hornet Haunts featured for a time, natural hazard of a very large and aggressive Grey Swan as a Guard Dog.

Seriously.

A Big Bird, a Creature who

did go after modelers approaching the Club House door from any direction inside the Mobile Home park, those with hands full especially favored targets. His beak was no joke and his aim very swift, accurate.



Well, this Friday the 13th it was another flying creature, a California Bat, that became a news item and Public Health Alert, now tied in our legend.

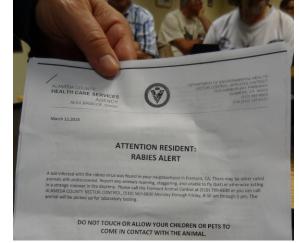
Thanks to Louis O, we had

surfeit of surprises I would cover in the Meeting Business.

Details will follow.

First surprise for a very pleasing start?

My arriving at 825, finding out how the late start schedule, didn't hold true.





We had been told that our March 2015 schedule had to be starting at 830 firm, since another group had the room until then. This information passed on, posted for the past 45 days, and a "display only, NO buildfest" agenda laid out for this "short hours" Nest. So President Burton ends up telling a

Raf has a wide range of model subjects that suit his taste, but he did note he's known to favor IDF & IDF/AF subjects, so Figures, Armor and Aircraft would be high bandwidth there. Resident expatriate of Oz, Free Hornet Phil Ludolph was the generous person who shared Raf with us, thank you!

Sammy Tsao introduced himself formally to the group before I put Raf on the spot, both due to my signature method of locating the innocent and making the "free" guest "pay" with some talking. He had already let me know that he was a long time AFV modeler, seemed to enjoy all that we had on display for Sam stayed for most of the meet, checked over the tables in depth during that time.

Okay, here take a look on the right for the details of that earlier reference to the "natural hazards" we Free Hornets sometimes have to face in our pursuits. This was an incident that took place only a week before, was broadcast on the local TV in early and late evening news, and the notice you're reading part of was sent to residents in Fremont. Our meeting is at this exact locale... So with

potential new member who inquired via Hornets website, please do come by, but don't come much before 815 as "not normal hours".

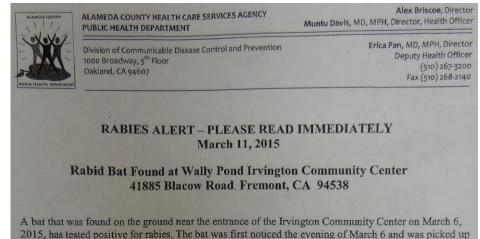
Happily, Sammy Tsao (gent with the grey sweater shirt, glasses, a book in hand, seen here on the left) did show, was well engaged in the vibrant "pre meeting" which got underway earlier than 830 pm!

This raucous atmosphere was what I encountered on entry, a great surprise. The table already pretty full of display items was also big help to uplift Presiding mood. Turned out that the different tabling layout was mostly due to the previous occupants, and everyone had the basic Free Hornets "normal agenda" pretty well underway, cool!

In a short while later from when this shot was taken, still more of our spirited crew would arrive, putting another two on this table.

Sammy wasn't the only new soul on board on this night of fervent Free Hornet modelling, though the only picture record I have, again this one here. On the far left, in a "Neutral Grey" shirt with yellow winged logo on back, is our new friend, Raf. He hails from Sydney.

Yes, THAT one. He's a long time member of IPMS-Sydney, which he pleasingly reported, is a lot like us in atmosphere and crewing.



by Fremont Police on March 7 at 2 p.m.

a light touch to keep things in perspective, later that evening (just before break) I made sure to inform all present about this actual potential hazard. It was noted that this is a serious matter. But I did note that while being a resident of Santa Clara County for nearly all my life, I had only encountered fewer than ten California Bats (all flying) despite many years of outdoor living and a lot of that at wee hours of the night. Felt that the crazed teens in the badminton/ volley ball courts across the hall from us presented more likely dangers, and inebriated drivers far, far more statistical hazard surely.



(above) Mike Woolson, Ray Lloyd, Louis Orselli, Ray Williams, Miguel Barquero, and holding the front with smartphone in hand, Peter Long. There, Bats, beware!

These folks are known to carry surgically sharp cutting tools, toxic chemicals of a variety of types. They might just find a great new application for that fur or that lightweight bone structure, thin wing skin of which you critters are composed of.

And again, talk about dangerous when rabid? I have seen many of *these animals in action* at events like club auctions, show raffles, model show vendor rooms.

Remember, right now you see the lot of them at rest and relaxation.

Stay away, small flying mammals, you are definitely outmatched.



Actually, perhaps I should have warned those Bats that they may have more to fear from this bunch of rabid modelers. Especially if they get in the way of their shopping for stuff or buying Raffle tickets, that's truly tempting Fate to act. Or by being a pain of a President like me, with persistent mentioning out loud as I walked area until I got a proper reaction, to my bemoanings, about how "no buildfest" ruling failed to stick.

For the record, that was an administrative call based on the short hours forecast for March. As was clear throughout, Free Hornets do what we want and then make it all work out, anyways.

Thanks for the energy and the firm but funny Rebellious reply, all of you!

(below) Milt Poulos, Mark Schynert, Frank Babbitt



This peaceful scene would misinform the unwary, for instance. Jim Priete is merely feigning a calm cool countenance, better to lure the unwitting to

his desk here. Jim will fiercely pluck every dime out of them selling raffle tickets, then resume this pacific posture. A Master of Camouflage, he ...



There's no keeping under wraps of things for March "in like a Lion" on the Display Table, as the rest of the scene story makes clear above.

Let us now go look more closely at the work of our fellow Free Hornets which easily spanned two full tables, and presented a fine variety too.







Mistaking this on the left for a Messerschmitt was how I began

This WIP of Mark Schynert's, actually a Spanish HA-1109K. Postwar build, combined a late design Me-109 airframe with a Hispano Suiza engine. 1/72 kit by A-Model, Mark didn't give kit's fit an A or even a B, tho.

Mark's WIP of the 1/72 Airfix Typhoon on the right, however, got a big recommendation as a fine value for the time invested.





On the other table, we found that the P-47D "Bonnie Lynn" flown by Gene Martin (Lt) in World War II, a project of Chris Bucholtz, finally completed!

Pleasingly, Chris reported that yes, he had gotten vibrant response when he'd sent pictures of finished bird to Gene!

Excellent hospice care may be largely responsible for Gene's staying on this side of things, but I bet this wanting to



see how this model turned out could also be a therapeutic assist in that! Chris also shared how he came up with a "bomb factory" process for striping

those underwing armaments. Another 1/72 marvel from R-9's RC Chris!



Now, finished in 1/35 and showing just what he does with his "factory" of metal tracks, is Cliff Kranz's "D" Panther.

A DML base kit, Cliff's signature Fruilmodellisimo aftermarket tread.



Cliff's a long time Lockheed Blackbird fan, and this WIP "sans spikes" 06937 SR-71 in 1/48 scale is just his latest example. With, of course, a not so



obvious bit of history!

Cliff used the NASA bands from YF-12A, a link to this second of the SR-71s



Thus this Blackbird served as a "stealth" although it never saw CIA services.

In this particular scheme it was known first as a YF-12C. That way USAF could keep quiet that NASA had a real SR-71, and no one knew at the time that "s/n 06937" was actually an "A-12" since the CIA didn't reveal them until 1982. So SR-71A #2 (s/n 06951) served well as Cliff has built her up.







The 1/72 scale SR-71A here is #17975 with "Habu" #10 tail. an old Microscale Decal set he had was Cliff's source. Next to the little Habu, is another 1/48 scale, this time actual YF-12A, number one in fact, in scheme it wore for a while of natural metal (titanium) and a "black mask". Those gloss white pods under the engines aren't bombs or sensors. They are Mach 3 + rated camera bays for testing of the Hughes AIM-47A, that was designed specifically for the interceptor Blackbird. That missile system was improved and adapted into the Phoenix system for the F-14A. So those tax dollars weren't wasted. It's



rather amusing, ironic, that R.S. Macnamara's foolishness which had killed many Blackbirds at their birth and also spawned much waste in pursuit of F-111B, ended up with all of it rising from that mess, in form of the Tomcat. Poetic really, as it was a cancelled secret bird for the USN which had provided designer of the Blackbird the basis for it's J58 engine!

Next up, definitely not Cliff's and very British



Phil Ludolph's DH Chipmunk RAF trainer started out as the Airfix kit. Now it has Phil's own mastered resin cockpit, vacuform canopy, new prop of his own crafting, and plenty of other examples of Phil's TLC applied to this veteran of the Airfix catalog. It's just so good, pictures don't do justice.





The next group on the right, is all Kent McClure's doings. Starting with this big Spider!









"Ice" Spider he says.

This pink-red toothed tripod which seemed an also ran for "Beast with a Million Eyes" (ancient SF Z movie) is a "Beholder"

The well tanned flat domed dude, not The Hulk. (he is green or if you know him well GREY in oldest day)

Sorry I didn't record the details on him, it was very distracting, with the toothy Argus

The three white WIP also went without a proper vetting here.







However, just for fun here, I'll give the group a set of "temporary ID" In rear, a pose which begs description again hark to old 50's Z-cinema. "She Creature of the Triffids", with "Brain from Planet Mygalomorph" (those legs, echhh!) The Front Man is "Caterpillar Kraken".

Kent did have some more easily known to eye pieces in his Works In Progress, tho. The 1/144 scale Northrop YF-23, a scheme forming (hypothetical) now he said, based on a cool Arctic A-10A one he has seen. Kent reports the engineer of kit should be arrested for a criminal act of some sort, in the fiendish way he

expects those canted twin tails to be fitted at time of assembly. The Airfix 1/72 Mustang will be Kent's THIRD for our Gruppe Build of 2014, YAH!



Patrick Hsieh's pair of FW-190D *Langnasen* in 1/72 had a faintly familiar look to them. The red gear leg doors with white stripes gave it away.

Patrick has a grey scheme and a green scheme camo each for the "Papagei Staffel" unit here.

Tamiya's kit provided the basis for Patrick here, with his own recipe of aftermarket parts and fine modelwork that brought these to life.

Maybe I can persuade Patrick to write an article on these, as the details given in Model Talk were again unrecorded by me with all the goings on.





Here's another aspect closer up, of Mr Hsieh's FW neighborhood.

On the left, next group up for examination is from Mick Burton. It was all brought in for only two purposes: give a potential attendee, Sammy Tsao a "brother in AFV model arms", and recount success of latest NNL West show, as he had neglected to do in February!

Sammy noted he was a long time armor modeler in a contact email

to the Hornet website Editor is how Mick knew about his interest. With no time to get word out to prompt other Hornets for their armor, he stepped in

with two of his oldies but favorites. Thanks to Cliff Kranz as you know now, there was 3



Mick's DML issue in their Vietnam War series, of the T-34/85, done out of the box in a North Vietnamese Army (Regular) scheme. Tried his hand at mild weathering, and this a first completion of the infamous "link to link" tracks for him. T-34s, easy, Shermans, not so much. Which why Burton didn't show up with his "Chinese Army 1944" M4 to join

this set. The Panzer I is the Italeri 1/35 kit, again out of box, in Spanish Civil War markings. Mick is fond of how his exhaust screen rust turned out...



This was Burton's only aircraft to display this time out, one of his collection of 20 plus completed 1/48 P-51B, C, D versions. Selected



to honor of passing of Dean Hess prior to meeting. This airplane, he, became famous for Korean War service due to book, "Battle Hymn".



On the left, next up, Burton's Revell 1/25 re-issue of the 1960s "Attempt I" dragster.

A streamliner shell wraparound for this vehicle did fit for the most part on model, but Burton prefers to



display them separately. Above is his interpretation of the 2001 Monte Carlo of Dale Earnhardt Jr, the "blue special version" of his # 3 Oreo NASCAR. Taken to the NNL West 2015 show along with about 14 other cars of his, it was at the end of the day when he picked them all up, that Burton learned one of the Auto Model magazines had wanted to shoot pictures of this. Oh well! Nice thought.

Below, Mickey Thompson's other excellent exercise in melding streamlining, magnificently modified American motors and tube framing, his Challenger I in 1/25, again a Revell 1960s molding reissue. Burton had actually photographed these two restored legends at the NHRA museum in Pomona, and used them to assist his construction of these two. The LSR subtheme of NNL West prompted



Burton to bring this old model out to display, as it were, a tribute to a true American hero: i.e; Marion Lee "Mickey" Thompson

Wrapping the meet notes here, a look at these raffle

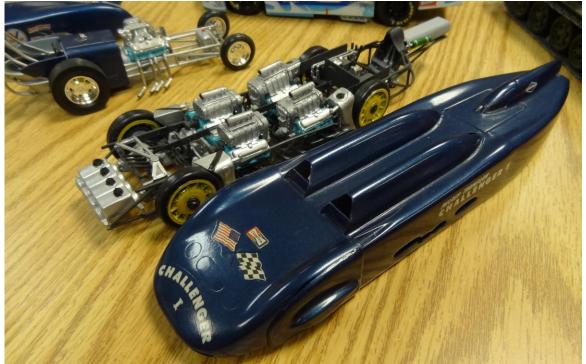
prizes that Louis O selected for us and brought along with the

"rabid bat news".

Mike Woolson was the happy winner of this Tiger I. Pulled a ticket, "Navy" Ray Williams took home the JU-88G.

But wait, there's more!





Congratulations to Model of the Month winner, Phil Ludolph!

The Dehavilland Canada DHC.1 Chipmunk, an amazing tale of an airplane, this first full design of Canada's Dehavilland. Produced there starting in 1946 until 1952 in small numbers (totaling 157), but the licence build by UK Dehavilland reached 1000 by end of 1956 production run. 500 plus survive airworthy today!

Phil's excellent major makeover of the venerable, basic Airfix kit first molded in 1970, exquisitely captures the subtle charms of this single engine seduction. Look in the *Free Hornets Annex* for all my shots taken at March nest of this DH *Mickb-fini*

OUR BIG FREE HORNET SURPRISE OF MARCH!





And if you'd like to see MORE pictures: link on here www.fremonthornets.org (gallery) under Hornets Nest 2015 meets look for MARCH of course Mick Burton, madman at large – DAZE61283@mypacks.net (sole fool responsible for bad content or rude comment here) "Come for the models Stay for the Sarcasm

BONUS FEATURE -aka Post Scripting "More Looks at March, In Like a Lion"













2015 MAY HORNETS NEST has a CLUB CONTEST GOING!





Having some MAD fun with the Memorable Month You Might Say, OK

MAY, in these modern times has become somewhat identified with Revolutions (May Day) Evolutions (Cinco de Mayo) and Wrecked Recce Solutions (Powers U-2 Shootdown). In that vein, and in view of our own recent past Gruppe Build of "Eyes In The Sky" which perhaps has a few "unfinished threads", President & Editor chose this theme for a tryout.

Real Basic, Real Easy Rules for Entry

QUALIFYING: All entries must be FINISHED to be eligible for awarding.

Any and all Recce craft/subject (Air.Land.Sea)

OF

any Primarily Black or White or BOTH (unblended, Greys don't qualify regardless of 50 (or more) shades available).

Suggestions:

P-38M, F-82G, F-87, P-70, P-61, U-2, A-12, F-12, SR-71, JPS F-1 car, "Bullitt Charger"

Simon Templar's P-1800 Volvo or later Jaguar, X-1, X-2, X-3, X-5, X-15, B-70

"Dazzle camo PT Boat", P-51 Dazzle Camo experiment, Zebras, you get the idea I would hope

Free Hornet "RED" Provides First " Hornet " for The Buzz !



"1952 HUDSON HORNET CONVERTIBLE" Built by: Rodney J. Williams © July 23, 2014



Or aka, Beating Burton to the Finish Line

Text & Images by: Rodney J. Williams © January 18, 2015

I "waz" surfin da web, (new English words) and I found this 1/25TH scale car, made by "MOEBIUS MODELS" who are located in Glenwood, Florida – U.S.A.

This company printed the kit instructions on a fine looking "gloss finish" type of paper, they included 9 color photos of their model under construction.





I have never seen anything like this in my 38 years of building models.

I forgot what I paid for the model and whom I bought it from by now. But my skimpy records say that I started building this Hudson Hornet on June 16, 2014 and finished it on July 23, 2014.





A few images are at hand prior to starting the building process. These parts had next to no flashing and hardly any sink/punch marks on the light grey plastic.





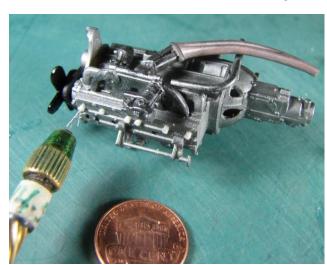
The same goes for the clear and chrome parts.

Most car kits that I have bought over the years show the car has "white-wall" tires on their "Box-art", but there are none in the kit.

This '52 Hudson car kit shows "white-wall" tires on "Box-Art", and *they come in the kit*, which is great news for car modelers.



THE BUILDING BEGINS WITH THE ENGINE - THEN COMES OTHER PARTS



Following kit instructions let me put the engine together in no time.

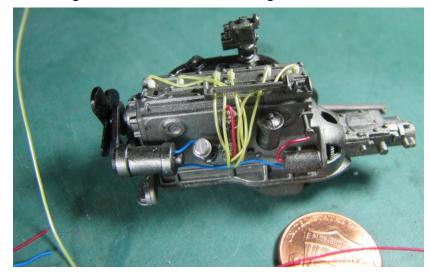
The parts fit together is excellent.

I also followed the painting guide for the different engine parts. When completed, I choose to add spark plugs and wires, including additional wiring that are on all automobile engines.

I cleaned up the car's frame, other body parts.

Then I dry fit them together.





I was surprised again, as they fit together like what we used to call a "Tailor-Made" dress suit.



One photo shows that I painted the car's interior parts including the frame, radiator and on the inside of the hood.

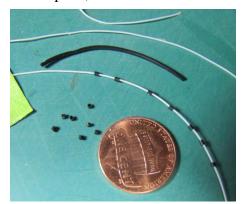
American coins are included in many of my photos to show "size relationship."

With some masking tape on the exterior of the body, I then painted Tamiya XF-1 Flat Black on the inside of the car's body.

I was ready to apply X-1 Gloss Black to the top of the hood.



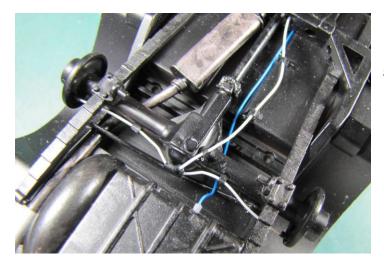
With all of this finished, it was time to make some tubing to simulate the gasoline and hydraulic fluid lines for the undercarriage. I use a small 0.10" diameter insulated wire which will bend easy for these lines. This wire comes in blue, white, black and red. I bought it at a "computer-type accessory store" in Milpitas, California back in 1986.



A "close-up" photo shows how I cut a large black wire then remove the inner wire and then cut tiny sections off the black tube and are put onto my white wire. These little black tube sections are a bit larger than my white wire and can be moved very easy.

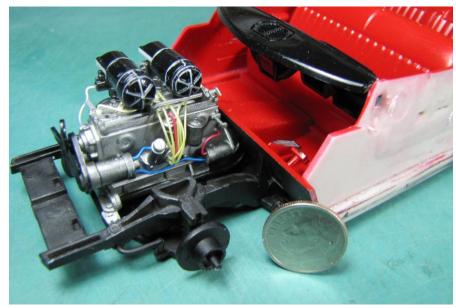
Once I get them in a desired location I just add a "micro-dot" of super glue (CA).

Other images will show that I used these black tube sections to attach the tubes to the frame of the car body.



I used the blue wire for the gasoline line and the white wire for the hydraulic brake lines.

As I look at my photos I see that I forgot to add the "emergency" brake cable that were on all automobiles in the 1950's.

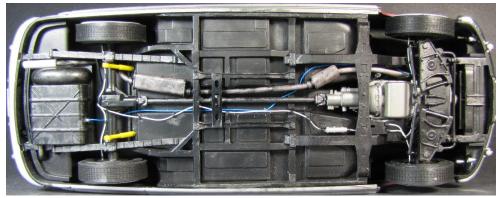


I made another mistake as these fluid lines to/from the rear of the car were all made out of steel and/or "stainless-steel tubing."



On other models of mine all I had to do was to strip off the plastic coated wire.

I guess I could fix this model and change the tubing!!





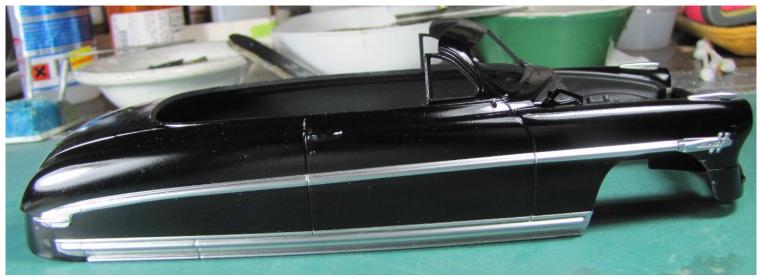


Somehow, I broke the kit's chrome plated antenna post that is attached to the center-line above the windscreen. I made a new one out of some stiff hard steel wire.

I drilled a small 0.145 "diameter hole in the proper location for said antenna.

PAINTING THE CAR BODY

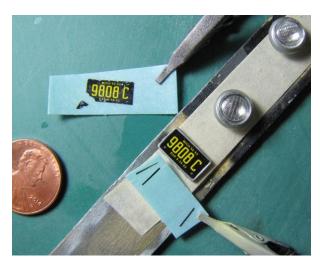
With some minimal masking on the car body's inside I applied Tamiya's X-1 Gloss Black paint to the outside and let it dry. I choose to re-mask the areas where I had to apply the chrome paint, which turned out A-OK!



I added Future Floor Finish (FFF) over the black and chrome paint. On other models the chrome paint came off when I masked over it, so it became necessary to use FFF. A better way is to apply the chrome paint ... LAST, and then you apply some FFF over the chrome.







Alas, it was time to add the excellent kit decals.

However to my surprise several of the decals came apart. I quickly sent an email to the company and I got a new set of decals real fast and they were "FREE."

The car is finished and it was time to take a few digital images of it.

I just clean off my worktable, put up my white stiff roll-able card stock paper. Next, turn on my two desktop swivel lamps that have 6500K-Daylight flourescent light bulbs in them.

Then take my photos.

With my PC's software, I write some data on one or more photos in case I send some images to other modelers, which lets them know what model it is.





Enjoy! – fini

Rodney J. Williams, An old-but still good modeler!

Now it's back to fixing the fluid lines on the bottom of the model.

Questions/comments to fox17439@gmail.com

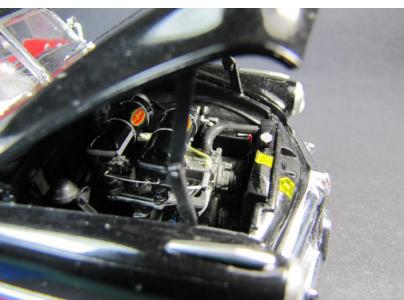
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A FEW MORE LOOKS AT RJW's VERT HORNET '52











As the Editor gives his appreciation to Expatriate Free Hornet R J "Red" Williams for this...

Whilst gnashing his teeth for not getting his own plan to be the first to finish a Hudson Hornet Model for inclusion in this Club's publication, accomplished. *AAARRGH* !!!



THE FREE HORNETS PRESIDENT PROMOTES HORNET "HUN SENSE "WITH GB 2015!

The Gruppe Build for 2015 is "Any BF (109) as long as it's by AF (Airfix) "











VERY SIMPLE RULES TO FOLLOW!

- 1. ANY Edition of an AIRFIX Messerschmitt 109 may be used to start with. Some examples of old & new shown here
- 2. You do NOT NEED TO FINISH IT OUT OF THE BOX, YOU JUST NEED TO FINISH IT (by 9-27-2015, 9AM)
- 3. Exercise as much or as little "creative, artistic, or of course, SARCASTIC" license in your entry(s) as you feel like
- 4. You must be a Free Hornet to play (participate)
- 5. No one is compelled to participate, it's merely another chance for FREE HORNETS to LET OUR FREE FLAG FLY

GET YOURSELF " ALL SWEPT UP " IN THE THEME CLUB CONTEST FOR 9-11-2015 (FRIDAY) HORNETS NEST



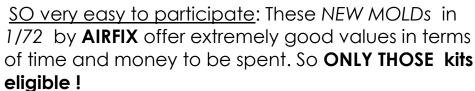
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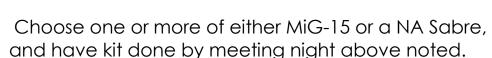












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No, NO Out Of Box restriction, just go for it with these, a fine number of options. We're celebrating two Swept Wing Jets that directly tied back to German WW2 Tech, as recorded by historians! PRIZES AWARDED, too.